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## Right in Your Own Backyard



It's official. The dog days of summer are here, but you don't have to feel confined to a short leash when it comes to finding fun things to do. If your most hectic travel plans this season involve getting to and from the refrigerator before the commercial ends, try getting out and exploring your local community. Besides you'll need to know what to show out-of-town visitors when they show up and ask, what's so great about Cobb County?

### ★ The William Root House, corner of Polk Street and 120 Loop

The Marietta landmark, just a stone's throw from the square on Polk Street, is a slice of living history showing what antebellum daily life was like for regular folks. Tour the well-preserved home 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday for \$3. Each guided tour is different, and don't worry, they have air conditioning now.

### ★ The Marietta Museum of History, located between the Marietta Welcome Center and the Gone with the Wind Movie Museum

Sure Atlanta has a lot of fascinating history, but Marietta has been around longer. Stories from the past come to life inside this historic building. Open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday.

### ★ Mable House Cultural Center, 5239 Floyd Road

Home to the South Cobb Arts Alliance – check out their member show starting in November – this arts hub showcases the styles that make Cobb special. The center features a gallery space with exhibits that change about every six weeks, outdoor summer world, jazz and swing concerts, community art classes and the Mable House historic site, open, free,

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## The Secret Life of Appliances

Sure, your refrigerator looks innocent just standing there in the kitchen, keeping your food frozen and drinks cold. But how much does it cost out of your energy budget?

Finding out is no longer a mystery. The Department of Energy has a simple formula to calculate any appliances' operating cost. That cost equals:

Kilowatts X hours used per day X days in a year X cost of energy per kilowatt hour.

The kilowatts figure is usually given on the nameplate, which is often found on the back of the appliance.

The number of hours it operates depends on the efficiency of the appliance and how much it is used. A refrigerator would average about 60 percent of the nameplate rating.

The cost of energy varies between summer and winter. In the summer months of June,

July, August and September, the average cost is 9 cents. For the other eight months, the average is closer to 6 cents per kilowatt hour.

If we assume the fridge runs at 750 watts, the cost in a summer month can be figured with this formula:

$$\frac{750 \times 14.4 \text{ hours} \times 30 \text{ days} \times \$0.09}{1000 \text{ watts}}$$

Equals \$29.16 per summer month

Calculate the wattage of each appliance and use the same formula. This will help you know which ones cost the most to run. Now tell your appliances their secrets are out. ⚡



Visit Marietta Power on the Internet: [www.mariettapower.com](http://www.mariettapower.com)



## Holidays in August: Just Between Friends

Established by Congress in 1935, National Friendship Day falls on the first Sunday in August. It won't earn you a day off from work, but the rewards of the holiday on Aug. 4 are more intangible. Friendship Day is more concerned with what you do versus what you buy.

This holiday encourages Americans to go out of their way and demonstrate their feelings of friendship and camaraderie by calling,

meeting or writing friends. If you still haven't the time for that, plan ahead by ordering flowers for people you care about. Think of it as a holiday extolling random acts of kindness: Your friends may need to be told – or shown – how much you really care.

So dust off your Dionne Warwick albums and feel the love. Friendship Day shows what friends should be all year long. ⚡

## Get Your Race On



On Saturday, Aug. 3, approximately 3,000 runners will participate in Marietta's oldest road race, Life University's 19th Annual Run for Life.

Events include a 10K run, a 5K run, a one-mile fun run and a Tot Trot. All races begin and end on the Life University campus, with the first events starting at 7 a.m.

Get details online at [www.life.edu](http://www.life.edu) by clicking the Run for Life link. Print out and mail in an application or register online at [www.active.com](http://www.active.com).

If you register by July 20, the 5K and 10K races cost \$20 to enter, after July 20 they cost \$25, and on race day, they are \$30. The Tot Trot and one-mile fun run both cost \$10 with no price changes. There is an additional fee for registering online. Do not mail in entries after July 27.

For additional information, call Run for Life at 770-426-2RUN (2786). ⚡

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to the public 2 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. every Tuesday. The cultural center is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

#### ★ **Centerstage North Theatre,** **3330 Sandy Plains Road**

This company is an old Cobb County standby. Check out a matinee or evening performance at their space in the Art Place. Their Web site, [www.centerstagenorth.org](http://www.centerstagenorth.org), is full of information. The August show, "Communicating Doors," runs from Aug. 16 to 24. (678) 574-8400.

#### ★ **Brumby Hall and Gardens,** **500 Powder Springs St.**

An homage to the one of many antebellum architectural styles popular in North Georgia, this hall may be used for special functions, but groups larger than 10 may take a guided tour for just \$5 and have a buffet lunch at Hamilton's for \$14.95. Individual tours go on any time no special event is scheduled. Call ahead, (770) 427-2500, ext. 1250. ⚡

## August/September Calendar of Events

### Aug. 9 - 11

*West Side Story*  
Cobb Children's Theatre  
Anderson Theatre  
(770) 528-8490

### Aug. 14 - Sept. 22

*Dirty Blonde*  
Theatre in the Square  
(770) 429-1115

### Aug. 23

*Glover Park Concert Series*  
*presents Eastern Seaboard*  
Marietta Square  
8 p.m.  
(770) 794-5601

### Aug. 23 and 24

*Professional Rodeo*  
Miller Park  
(770) 528-8875

### Aug. 31 - Sept. 2

*Art in the Park*  
Marietta Square  
(770) 429-1115

### Sept. 14

*Spice of Life -*  
*Food and Cultural Festival*  
*(formerly Taste of Smyrna)*  
Village Green Circle, Smyrna  
(770) 431-2842